



## Fact Sheet



# *Alcohol and Other Drugs System of Care Redesign*

The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), in partnership with county governments and in cooperation with stakeholders in the public and private sectors, provides leadership and coordination in the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive statewide alcohol and other drugs (AOD) prevention, recovery, and treatment services delivery system.

The California Drug and Alcohol Treatment Assessment study (CALDATA 1994), commissioned by ADP, demonstrated that investing funds in California's specialized prevention, treatment, and recovery services network ultimately results in substantial cost savings and provides a significant return on investment for California's communities, businesses, and taxpayers.

Changes in the business environment are requiring more accountability and efficient administration of resources. To promote similar improvements within the AOD field, the Department formed a policy advisory committee that recommends system improvements that will shape the future of California's AOD service delivery system. The System of Care Redesign (SOCR) process will help ADP actualize the system of care vision and achieve long-range goals through the fine-tuning of a SOCR Strategic Plan.

## ***Vision***

To create an outcome-based system of care that focuses on each client's individual needs and provides improved data and accountability.

## ***Goals***

- Improve client outcomes by matching individual needs to services.
- Automate program and fiscal data systems at the State, county, and provider levels.
- Improve client data by linking demographics, services provided, and expenditures.
- Develop uniform service definitions and standards of care.
- Standardize screening, assessment, and placement processes and data reporting.
- Document client outcomes and system efficiencies.

## ***Pilot Study***

In October 1998, the Department was awarded a federal Treatment Outcomes and Performance Pilot Studies Enhancement (TOPPS II) grant to pilot elements of SOCR that were primed for implementation. The California Treatment Outcome Project (CalTOP), California's TOPPS II pilot, will seek to confirm the study hypotheses that an integrated Outcome Monitoring System and an enhanced Management Information System with standardized client assessments and program placements will likely improve our ability to match client's assessed need with appropriate services, produce improved treatment outcomes, and result in cost offsets in other health, social service and criminal justice systems. ADP has contracted with the University of California – Los Angeles (UCLA) Integrated Substance Abuse Program (ISAP) to conduct this research study.

The CalTOP automated data collection system:

- includes 44 treatment providers located in thirteen counties able to produce a demographically representative sample of clients in treatment.
- is designed to collect data on over 8,000 individuals.
- includes post-admission follow-up interviews with 2,700 clients.
- will test the ability to link with data sets of other state departments to determine AOD treatment cost offsets.
- is scheduled to be tested through September 2002.

Along with valuable, on-going input from external advisory groups, the project evaluation should provide policy makers with information on which long-term implementation of the System of Care Redesign will be based.